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*Serving the Greater Stuttgart Military Community*

## Stuttgart MP named top IMCOM-Europe NCO

By Tom Saunders

*Installation Management Command-  
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A military policeman from Stuttgart and a chaplain's assistant from Heidelberg were recognized as the best of the best during the Installation Management Command-Europe 2009 Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year awards ceremony May 29 at Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg.

Staff Sgt. Ronald White, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, and Spc. Jason Boatwright, U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg, were named as the command's top NCO and Soldier, respectively, during the ceremony, which also paid tribute

“My NCOs were behind me every step of the way.”

**Staff Sgt. Ronald White**  
*IMCOM-E NCO of the Year*

to the Army's 2009 Year of the NCO by adopting the theme: “Year of the NCO — Leading by Example.”

“This type of competition helps you keep that competitive edge, and shows how committed you are,” said

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Melissa Wolff

**USAG Stuttgart NCO of the Year, Staff Sgt. Ronald White (right) completes a 12-mile road march with his sponsor, Staff Sgt. Edmund Whipple, by his side during the IMCOM-Europe NCO of the Year competition on May 12.**

## Good samaritans come to rescue of German motorists

By Brittany Carlson

*USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office*

It was a commute like any other — until a car caught on fire.

Sgt. Corey Cooney was driving to Patch Barracks on Autobahn A-8 around 1 p.m. June 3 when he saw a vehicle sitting in the exit lane for Patch Barracks, its undercarriage on fire, and its occupants standing a few meters away.

“I saw smoke,” said Cooney, a Soldier assigned to the 587th Signal Company. “I was like, ‘Oh wow, a car’s on fire.’ I noticed that people were standing really close.”

Cooney parked his car on the side of the road, and ran over to the vehicle's owners, a German couple, and other spectators. “I just pulled over and stopped because they were way too close, all of them,” he said. “I told them to get away from the car.”

Cooney said he knew that a less-than-full tank of gas would soon ignite under the heat because of all the vapors.



Corey Cooney

**German firefighters extinguish the flames of a burning car June 3. A Soldier escorted the motorists to safety before the car became engulfed.**

Sure enough, as Cooney escorted the couple away, the interior ignited, and flames reached twice the height of the car, he said.

“It burnt to the ground while I was directing traffic,” he said. “It was warm from where I stood.”

Cooney and another Stuttgart Military Community member, Carol Colwell, pooled their orange emergency triangles together, and Cooney placed them on the highway to help direct cars and trucks out of that lane.

“I had to jump the guardrail, run down the hill, through the weeds, then came back up the hill on the other side of the car [to avoid the oncoming traffic],” Cooney said.

Cooney positioned the triangles two lanes out, and not a moment too soon. “When the last tire blew, it was on the front driver's side,” Colwell said. “It shot across two lanes.”

Cooney continued to direct traffic away from the wreckage for about an hour, he said, even after the Polizei arrived.

Cars often break down besides the Autobahn, and Cooney was late for work — so why did he stop?

“It's one thing when people are stopped. When people are standing that close to a burning car ...” Cooney's voice faded out. “I don't care what anybody says. That's the Army's job: We're here to help.”

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### Dancers enliven Asian Pacific event

*Filipino and Hawaiian dance groups performed at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Observance May 26, which featured cultural treats and stories.*



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### Congratulations, class of 2009!

*Ninety-five seniors said goodbye to high school and now look toward the future during the Patch High School graduation June 5 in the Sindelfingen Stadthalle.*



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## Commander's Column

# 2009 Patch graduates, peer group face tough decisions



By Col. Richard M.  
Pastore  
USAG Stuttgart commander

**M**y congratulations go out to the 95 Patch 2009 graduates who received their high school diplomas during a graduation ceremony June 5. As they

*Our young adults will soon be our leaders, and we have to encourage them not to put their overall health at risk ...*

prepare to take on the challenges that the next stage in their lives will bring them, they leave behind a peer group who are also faced with some tough personal decisions in their lives. These are decisions that we, as parents and leaders, need to be aware of.

These decisions go far beyond deciding what to wear to school or what homework is due; they include the use of over-the-counter medications, energy drinks and diet supplements.

These three areas in particular have become a major concern of mine as the garrison commander, as well as many others in the community, because the use of these items has increased considerably among the young adults of our community.

Over-the-counter medications, such as ordinary cold and flu medicine — either liquid or tablets — contain ingredients that can be hazardous. These medicines, taken as directed, can help us get back

to good health. However, when misused or abused, these over-the-counter medications can cause serious physical or mental damage, even death.

The consumption of energy drinks by our youths has become a concern, not only because they are now consuming the drinks excessively to “get a buzz,” but because they see TV commercials that present the drinks as a “legal” way to increase their energy levels. Our young adults have to decide whether or not they are willing to jeopardize their health in order to experience the temporary energy buzz.

Like OTC drugs, excessive use of energy drinks can actually cause silent, yet serious harm to their bodies and minds, especially if taken by teens as young as 13 years old, whose bodies are still developing. This problem is intensified even more when they mix energy drinks with alcohol, which is becoming increasingly more popular, because it can lead to

serious health issues and, possibly, even death. Of course, there are legal issues that come into play when minors use alcohol.

Another concern is the widespread and possible abuse of diet supplements or pills, either to lose weight or get high. These pills and other diet fads can be extremely harmful, and like OTC drugs and energy drinks, they artificially raise the heart rate and blood pressure, putting abnormal stress on the brain and nervous system, and if misused, can be seriously damaging, both physically and mentally.

If weight is a problem, I encourage parents to set up an appointment with a doctor or a certified nutritionist to help your child start a healthy program of diet and exercise.

Our young adults will soon be our leaders, and we have to encourage them not to put their overall health at risk just to lose weight or to get high. If you suspect your teenager(s) of abusing or misusing any of these items, I urge you as parents or concerned friends to talk with them. Encourage them to talk with a counselor, or an alcohol and substance abuse counselor.

Because of the concern I have about these threats, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart, is launching an “over the counter medication and other things that can hurt you” awareness program to educate everyone in our community on the dangers posed by the abuse of OTC drugs and other harmful substances.

## Commander urges summer safety precautions

By Col. Richard M. Pastore  
USAG Stuttgart commander

**W**ith the launch of the Army Safe Summer 2009 campaign, which runs from May through September, I want to emphasize prevention and awareness during the summer season, a time when we typically experience an increase in off-duty accidents.

This summer many of us will be taking advantage of the many outdoor activities and with them, their associated risks. Special attention must be given to driving, which is our most hazardous activity. Safety awareness is the key to enjoying the summer season, and being informed on the risks involved and their countermeasures will assist us to prevent accidents. Below are tips for some of the most hazardous activities.

### Swimming

• Never leave children alone near water. Supervision is the key word. Check out where the “Bademeister” (lifeguard)’s office is located. Remember, here in Germany, there will not be a lifeguard sitting on a high chair watching the pool all the time, but there is always a very well-qualified Bademeister in attendance at the pool.

- Only swim in lakes, ponds, etc., where swimming is expressly allowed, and where a lifeguard is present.
- Don’t engage in horseplay and do not rely on inflatable objects such as rafts or toys to keep you afloat if you are a poor swimmer.
- Never swim alone.
- Don’t consume alcohol and swim.

### Barbecuing

- Instruct children on the dangers of a lit grill, and choose a safe location away from children’s play areas and areas of heavy traffic.
- Always grill on a flat, stable surface, and never

grill inside, or even in a semi-enclosed area, such as a tent or camper.

- Never leave a grill unattended.
- When using gas grills, check hoses and valve connections often. Do this by pouring soapy water on the connections. If bubbles appear, retighten the connections and test again.
- Use the minimum necessary charcoal fluid, and only on cold coals. Never use gasoline. Do not leave flammable liquids unattended or accessible to children.
- Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies.
- Do not wear loose clothing that could come into contact with the fire.

### Driving

- Do not drink and drive.
- Plan your journey. Don’t over do it. Limit yourself to 10 hours of driving, with breaks every two hours. Remember, fatigue can be a killer.
- The driver and all passengers must wear seat belts. Children 12 years old and younger, and shorter than 4 feet 1 inch, must use suitable child restraint devices.
- Motorcyclists are required to wear proper personal protective equipment.

### Heat injury prevention

- Drink plenty of water.
- Wear appropriate, and where possible, light clothing.
- Use sunscreen.
- Keep areas well ventilated.
- Schedule activities for the cooler part of the day.

For more safety information on other summer activities, I urge you to visit <https://safety.army.mil> and check out the “safe summer” logo at the bottom of the page.

Let’s be safety aware. With your participation, I am sure we will all have a safe and enjoyable summer season.

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## Portable classrooms underway

**Officials break ground on four portable classrooms for Patch High School June 1 outside the school. The classrooms, funded by EUCOM, are the solution to a 33 percent increase in the student body. Navy Vice Adm. Richard K. Gallagher, EUCOM deputy commander, spoke during a brief ceremony to school and garrison officials. L to R: Fleet Master Chief Roy M. Maddocks, EUCOM senior enlisted leader; Susan Sigmon, Patch Elementary School Advisory Committee chair; Col. Richard M. Pastore, garrison commander; Gallagher; Susan Page, Patch High School principal; Maj. Gen. Ken Keen, EUCOM chief of staff; Frank Roehl, DoDDS-E Heidelberg District superintendent; Cmdr. Martin Harrison, SAC president, and Joyce Kennedy, school liaison officer, dig the first shovelfuls of dirt.**

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Diane Devens, IMCOM-Europe region director, to the group of 13 NCOs and Soldiers who participated in a three-day competition held at USAG Grafenwöhr earlier this month.

This year's event provided numerous trivia factoids:

- Both winners are California natives, with White hailing from Stockton and Boatwright from Madera;
- This is the third-straight year USAG Stuttgart claimed the NCO title with Staff Sgt. Edmund Whipple winning in 2008, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Allison winning in 2007;
- Both winners cited this year's theme — Leading by Example — as something their home station leaders and NCOs do every day.

"On a day-to-day basis, NCOs are the driving force behind the Army. My NCOs were behind me every step of the way," said White. "They pushed me in every capacity possible, but they were with me every step of the way."

Literally. During the competition's 12-mile road march with rucksack, White said both his NCO sponsors did the road march with him.

White's NCOs, Whipple and Master Sgt. Gary Cryder, were matter-of-fact about "leading by example." They both agreed that being with their fellow Soldier is what NCOs and Soldiers do.

"We had the easy part," said Cryder, shucking off White's praise about the role he and Whipple played in leading by example. "We just had to give him a piece of paper, and tell him what to do. He did the hard part and competed."

Boatwright thanked his previous and current

NCOs and leaders, saying, "With my NCOs, it's not just about work. They have an interest in my life and family and wellbeing. They don't just 'push' me in a direction, they lead me in the right direction. They have laid out for me what I need to do to be successful."

White and Boatwright also both commented on the camaraderie displayed among NCOs and Soldiers during the competition.

Boatwright thanked his USAG Heidelberg leadership, then thanked the other competitors, who "lifted each other up" and encouraged each other throughout the competition, despite trying to out-do each other.

Watching on during the ceremony was Boatwright's wife, Victoria, and his 13-month-old son, Jason Jr. While little Jason seemed to be enjoying chewing on munchies and a flip-flop, Victoria sat pensively.

"We were nervous ... but confident," said Victoria, "He worked hard, he studied, and in my opinion, he definitely deserves this."

During the Grafenwöhr competition, participants underwent a comprehensive evaluation of skills ranging from physical fitness to military knowledge, including land navigation exercises, weapons qualification and written exams.

The two region selectees now will represent IMCOM-Europe at the Military District of Washington competition scheduled for next month at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

In attendance at the event were Gen. Carter Ham, U.S. Army Europe commanding general, and garrison commanders, senior enlisted leaders, Soldiers and IMCOM-Europe representatives from throughout Europe.

## — Ask a JAG —

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By Capt. Aaron L. Lancaster  
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**Q:** I am deploying and I'm curious as to which legal documents I should get before I go, and the importance of each?

**A:** While each person will need different legal documents, the most common and important documents to have before deploying are a will, a living will, a medical power of attorney, and a general or specific power of attorney.

A will is a document that specifically designates how and to whom you wish your personal property and real estate to be transferred in the event of your death. Also, while not usually legally enforceable, a will can also help establish a person's wishes as to the disposition of their remains and/or to whom they wish as guardians of their children. While not every service member will need a will, every service member should consult with an attorney to determine his or her individual needs.

A living will is separate from a normal will in that it makes known a person's wishes regarding life-prolonging medical treatments in certain events, such as a terminal illness or a permanent vegetative state. For many, a living will is important to have as it informs health care providers and family about specific desires for medical treatment, or to have medical treatment withheld under certain situations.

A medical power of attorney works alongside a living will, and designates a person to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you be unable to make such decisions. Because not all situations can be covered under a living will, a medical power of attorney allows a trusted family member or friend to designate your care if you become incapacitated.

A general or specific power of attorney is a document that allows a trusted family member or friend to make non-medical decisions for you in your place. The two types of powers of attorney are general and specific. A specific power of attorney allows a person to act on your behalf only in certain specific situations that you list (i.e. shipping household goods) for a specific time period (i.e. until May 28, 2010).

For a general power of attorney, the person you have designated has complete authority to make any and all non-medical decisions for you. A general power of attorney can be very useful as it offers great flexibility to cover situations that you may not have anticipated. However, it is also a very dangerous legal document as it allows whoever you give it to, to do almost anything in your name, such as taking out a loan or emptying your bank account. Discussing your situation with a judge advocate can help you determine which type of power of attorney you may need.

*This column is not intended as individual or specific legal advice. If you have specific issues or concerns you should consult a judge advocate at 421-4152 or civ. 0711-729-4152.*



# Americans, Germans create emergency response plan

Story and photo by **Brittany Carlson**  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Working together with German nationals isn't just important for the sake of international cooperation.

In an emergency, it could mean the difference between life and death.

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart hosted its semi-annual Catastrophe Response Seminar May 18 to discuss emergency plans with German police, fire departments, hospital officials and the German Red Cross.

"We enjoy a wonderful working relationship with our host nation first responders, upon whom we rely very heavily in the event of a crisis," said Col. Richard M. Pastore, USAG Stuttgart commander. "It's important that we have a common understanding of everybody's roles and responsibilities."

About 60 emergency personnel attended the seminar, including 35 American and 25 German representatives.

The seminar was a chance for everyone to discuss issues from last year's "Stallion Shake," the garrison's annual emergency response exercise. During the exercise, German fire and police departments, as well as American emergency responders, worked together to deal with a simulated mass casualty situation resulting from a plane crash.

Using comments from last year's exercise, plans were made for the 2009 mass casualty exercise to be conducted at the Stuttgart International Airport in November.

One issue raised from last year was the language barrier: German responders could not always determine key U.S. personnel on site. This year, U.S. first responders will wear a vest or jacket with their duty written in German. The garrison will also produce cards with technical German words for U.S. participants.

"If communications fail, then the rest of it is irrelevant," Pastore said.

German emergency teams were also concerned with waiting times while trying to get on U.S. installations without possessing a U.S. ID card. In the future,



*Deputy to the Commander Howard Johnston (center) speaks to German and American officials about the USAG Stuttgart emergency plan May 18 at the Catastrophe Response Seminar while Garrison Commander Col. Richard M. Pastore (left) and Deputy USFLO T. Sean Schulze (right) review their notes.*

emergency vehicles will receive an Military Police escort from the entrance gate to the site location.

The extra details were welcomed by German responders, who requested more information after last year. "I think it's good that the garrison took up the comment that we need to get into specifics," said T. Sean Schulze, deputy U.S. Forces liaison officer. "It sets the tone for working together."

## Panzer Kaserne response plan

During the seminar, William Crane, USAG Stuttgart Operations officer, described the Panzer Kaserne response plan, which will become the template for all other garrison installation plans. The Böblingen city fire and police departments were very instrumental in the creation of the response plan.

The Panzer plan details where responders should go, from casualty collection points to a triage area near the Panzer Mall.

"Böblingen has a good base to be prepared for incidents like this," said Michael Exner, PHK, Polizeidirektion Böblingen (Böblingen Police official), through a translator. "[But] we still hope that we never need those plans."

The plan also includes an off-post area for German media, and maps out the routes emergency vehicles should take to get onto the post.

Due to the preparation and development of the response plan that was done this year, we are now better prepared to handle such situations in the future, said Crane.

The seminar was also an opportunity for German and American personnel to ask each other questions.

"I just want to reiterate how important this forum is," Pastore said, in closing. "It is very important that we realize what we are responsible for, each and every one of us, in a crisis situation."

# Civilian shoplifting leads to loss of privileges, shame

By **Brittany Carlson**  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Disobeying an order could cost a service member his or her rank, pay, even end their military career.

Department of Defense civilians may not be in the military, but there are still some stiff consequences when they break the rules.

The Army Europe Civilian Misconduct Action Authority program handles problem issues concerning anyone who is receiving logistic support from U.S. military commands in Europe and uses military installation facilities. This includes military family members, retirees, contractors and other DoD employees and their family members.

Since U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart is a joint services community, this affects family members and employees associated with the Army, Navy, Air

Force and Marine Corps.

Garrison Commander Col. Richard M. Pastore is the CMAA authority and Tony Black, assistant CMAA, manages the program.

Civilian misconduct occurs when civilians disobey the rules of the host nation, the U.S. government or the installation. Examples include shoplifting; larceny; fighting; damage to property; drunk and disorderly conduct; driving while intoxicated; child neglect; traffic violations; spousal abuse; and misuse of ration card, purchase, or postal privileges.

"Shoplifting is probably the most common occurrence in the community," Black said. "We had somebody steal a pair of socks because they were going bowling."

The most dangerous form of this is shoplifting over-the-counter drugs, such as cold medicine, he added. "It's more serious in nature because of the

health risks."

However, the punishment is the same for shoplifters, no matter the value of what they stole. "It could be a very expensive perfume," Black said. "It could be the mascara tester at the PX. All of these cases are treated the same."

The minimum punishment that civilians face for shoplifting is six months of suspended Army Air Force Exchange Services privileges for the entire European theater. "Not to mention the shame and embarrassment that affects the family," Black added.

In addition, AAFES can fine the shoplifter a \$200 civil recovery fee to cover the costs of tracking them down. "There's stuff constantly being stolen here," said Dandy Young, the AAFES loss prevention manager.

The second most common incident in the USAG Stuttgart community is domestic matters, to include a range of infractions from children skateboarding

without the proper equipment to spousal abuse and underage drinking.

When misconduct occurs, the CMAA can reprimand the civilian responsible in a variety of ways, from a letter of counseling to removal from the host country.

Other punishments include suspension of commissary privileges, suspension of driving privileges on U.S. Army Europe installations, barred entry to the installation or all European DoD facilities and advance return of family members.

The host nation can also take action, if applicable.

Even with these measures in place, the community still has too many of incidences of civilian misconduct, Black said. "We consider one incident too many."

*For more information, call Tony Black at 431-3371/civ. 07031-15-3371.*



# Asian Pacific culture shared at observance

Story and photos by **Brittany Carlson**  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

**L**umpia, fried rice, and island dancers gave U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community members a welcome reprieve from their workday May 26.

The 2009 Asian Pacific Heritage Month Observance, held at the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks, also delivered fresh insight into other cultures.

"It's a good way to honor our past and our present, not just for Asians, but for Americans," said Charmaine Valmonte, president of the Filipino American German Association of the Stuttgart area. "I'm pretty sure people left with a different perspective."

Dance groups Filipino Pearl and the Island Dancers performed a variety of ethnic dances in bright costumes and headpieces. The dances included a modern Hawaiian dance, wedding march and war dance, in which dancers wore long, golden fingernails.

"It really put me in a good mood, especially the dancers," said community member Christina Schlegel.

Guest speaker Lt. Col. Van Nguyen shared stories from his childhood to illustrate this year's theme, "Leadership to Meet the Challenges of a Changing World." Nguyen grew up in Vietnam and later moved to the United States, Saudi Arabia and Iran, before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps at age 18.

"I decided to follow my stepfather's footsteps in serving our nation, and to adapt and overcome any obstacle

in my way," he said.

Nguyen went on to become an officer in the Marine Corps. He is among 325,000 Asian Pacific Americans serving in the U.S. military.

"I hope people come away with an appreciation, not just for Asian culture in itself, but how it is interwoven in the fabric of America," said Sgt. 1st Class Christy Lassiter-Jones, the garrison military Equal Opportunity advisor.

Guests were invited to sample Asian Pacific cuisine, including poncit and lumpia (Filipino cabbage and egg rolls).

"I wanted to experience another culture," Schlegel said, sampling the food with her husband. "We went back for two rounds."



*Sheila Birkenbeul performs a Hawaiian dance as part of the Island Dancers at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Observance.*



*PAGASO dance group Filipino Pearl performs at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Observance May 26 in the Swabian Special Events Center.*

## Single Soldiers beat boredom with BOSS activities, trips

By **Brittany Carlson**  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

**F**ree time can be worth its weight in gold after a long duty shift.

But to single Soldiers living in Europe without a family, or away from it, free time can be boring — even lonely.

This is why Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation provides the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program: to provide single service members with recreational activities and improve their quality of life.

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's program does this well; it recently won first place for both Best Installation and Best Event at the Installation Management Command-Europe level for small single Soldier population (100 to 999 Soldiers). The program will compete at the Department of the Army BOSS Conference Aug. 10-14.

The BOSS program is open to the entire population of single service members, as well as those on temporary duty away from home. It is "always" looking for members, said Steve Dunlap, FMWR representative for BOSS.

In fact, anyone can participate, single or not.

"I know a lot of people hear about BOSS and they

*"Anybody can go. It doesn't matter if you have a family or if you're a geographical bachelor."*

**Staff Sgt. Jason Bogart**  
BOSS Member

kind of blow it off because it's catered around single service members," said Staff Sgt. Jason Bogart, BOSS member. "Anybody can go. It doesn't matter if you have a family, or if you're a geographical bachelor."

In July, BOSS members will travel to Landstuhl to cook dinner for wounded service members in the USO lounge.

"We eat with them and we spend a lot of time with them [and] chat with them," Dunlap said.

From sightseeing and skiing to volunteering in the community, BOSS leaders make sure the service members don't run out of things to do.

Next month, BOSS members can test their strength on a forest ropes course in Kandel June 12. "It's a blast," Dunlap said.

This year's getaway is a trip to Camp Darby, Italy, during Labor Day weekend (Sept. 4-7).

The BOSS lounge is also scheduled for a makeover next year. When the Patch Barracks food court is renovated, half of the building will become the new BOSS lounge, complete with Wii and Playstation2 gaming systems, a television, pool tables and a kitchen.

Besides offering activities, BOSS is also concerned with improving the quality of life for all single service members in the area.

Sgt. Christine Curtis, BOSS President, takes members' requests to Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Q. Barbary at tenant meetings. The program helped to renovate the single Soldier and Marine Corps barracks. It also helped allow German taxis on post.

"I represent single Soldiers," Curtis said. "I'm like their voice. It's a lot of work, but, at the end of the day, I do enjoy it because it makes a difference."

*BOSS meets on the second and last Tuesday of every month in Building 2331, Patch Barracks. For more information, call Steve Dunlap at 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.*



# German students experience American way of life

Story and photo by Carola Meusel  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Johnny Depp and John Wayne aren't typically the first people German students see inside a classroom.

So, the five seventh-graders from the German Remstal Gymnasium who visited Steven Lutz' English class at Robinson Elementary/Middle School May 14 were surprised to be greeted by Johnny and John — in poster form.

The class was part of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's student outreach program, designed to give German students the opportunity to experience what school and everyday life looks like on a military installation.

Steven Lutz' English literature class, complete with the movie star posters, was just one of many American classrooms that hosted a total of 28 Remstal students and several German teachers.

"It is very important for the German children to live the experience of an American student and explore our school," said Dr. Shirley Sheck, RBEMS principal.

Sheck greeted the visitors when they arrived, and explained the American school system, as well as the extracurricular programs. She also gave an overview of USAG Stuttgart and some facts about the military installations in the greater Stuttgart area.

The real education for the German students began when their American counterparts arrived to escort them to class.



*John Dorrian (from left), a RBEMS eighth-grader, works on the computer with the aid of his teacher, Robin Baker, while Tobias Hermann, a seventh-grader from Remstal Gymnasium, helps as part of a student outreach program.*

Some pairs began talking right away; others were quiet.

"Some of them are a little bit nervous because of the language barrier, but all of the children are very excited to be

here at an American middle school," said Monika Lang, a parent who helped coordinate the visit.

Throughout the day, the German students visited a variety of classes,

including Spanish, literature, physical education, math and science.

"This visit is a great preparation for [my] upcoming year abroad," said Tobias Hermann, a seventh-grader from the Remstal Gymnasium, who plans to study in an English-speaking country next year.

Both German teachers and students admired the technology used in the American classrooms, including interactive whiteboards and microphones.

"[It was] unbelievably interesting to see how the American teachers work with their students," said Christina Thiemicke, a seventh-grade teacher at the Remstal Gymnasium. "The interaction between the students and the teacher is very open and uncomplicated, and the students really respect their teacher."

The German students also visited the Robinson Combined Exchange, where they learned what a commissary and post exchange are, and what kinds of products Americans buy there.

At the end of the day, both German and American students solidified their relationships with a game of soccer outside the school.

American students will be able to experience the German culture during the other half of the outreach program, a visit to the Remstal Gymnasium in September.

"I can't wait to visit the Remstal Gymnasium, and I definitely want to stay in touch with my German buddy — we got along great," said RBEMS eighth-grader Aly Richards.

## Committees lead way in installation school improvements

By Brittany Carlson

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

During the past school year, parents may have noticed some changes at their child's school, such as a new sidewalk, fence or a safer bus system.

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Installation Advisory Committee made these changes happen.

Each year, parents and teachers from every Department of Defense Dependents School in Europe participate in their own school advisory committees. These representatives hear issues from parents regarding school policies and procedures, and work to come up with solutions.

Issues not covered by the SAC are brought to the IAC, which is co-chaired by Garrison Commander Col. Richard M. Pastore and Susan Page, Patch High School principal.

"It's an avenue for parents to voice their concerns related to the school," said Joyce Kennedy, School Liaison Officer, who coordinates the IAC meeting agenda. "The IAC is really open to the community, [especially] parents who have kids in school."

The IAC covers issues including safety, the school meal program, command policies and the physical school environment. Other SAC issues may be sent to the district advisory council.

SACs meet monthly, and the IAC meets quarterly

or as needed. Sometimes the garrison commander and other directorate officials will attend to provide on-the-spot solutions.

During the 2008-'09 school year, several IAC proposals were approved and completed.

Patch Elementary School received green fences in front of the school to keep students safe from oncoming cars while walking to and from school.

The Patch schools also received a designated spot on the street for parents and guardians to drop off and pick up students. "We had nothing before," said Susan Sigmon, SAC chair for Patch Elementary School. "It's made it so much safer for the walkers in the morning."

At Robinson Barracks, the bus staging system was changed so that students could exit the buses more safely and stay clear of oncoming cars.

"I think the commander has followed through with concerns that have been elevated to his level," Kennedy said. "You couldn't ask for more support."

The IAC's voting members include the SAC chairs from every DoDDS school in USAG Stuttgart and one other representative per school. Garrison directors may also attend to answer questions.

Parents can participate in their local SAC by submitting issues or by becoming a representative, which can make a huge difference in their child's safety, Sigmon said.

"I think we have become more visible to the parent community this year," she added. "We have a very

*We have a very talented, intelligent, passionate community of parents here who know how to use their resources.*

Susan Sigmon

Patch Elementary School SAC chair

talented, intelligent, passionate community of parents here [who] know how to use their resources, and they are advocates for their children."

When parents choose to bypass the SAC, the process takes much longer, Kennedy said.

"If [parents] support their SACs and they bring their issues to their SACs, if they're elevated to IAC, it will have the eye of the commander," she said. "There will be a solution provided for them."

For more information, call Joyce Kennedy at 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.



## VBS registration starts

Vacation Bible School for children in preschool to those entering sixth grade will be held at Patch Elementary School July 27-31 from 9 a.m. to noon and at Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School Aug. 3-7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration for both ends June 30.

VBS is still in need of volunteers. Training sessions will be held June 16 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Patch Religious Education Center and Robinson Barracks Chapel Annex.

For more information, call 431-3079/civ. 07031-15-3079.

## APO boxes for retirees

Retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their widows/widowers can apply to use the Army Post Office system after retirement. To obtain APO privileges, retirees must make arrangements with the local APO to receive mail through the general delivery mail section. German customs regulations may apply.

For more information, call the Stuttgart Customs Office at 431-2657/civ. 07031-15-2657.

## PCS briefing scheduled

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold a permanent change of station/pre-separation briefing June 17 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913, on Panzer Kaserne. Pre-registration is required.

For more information and to sign up, call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-2599.

## EEO training cancelled

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Employment Opportunity office consolidated trainings scheduled for June 16 and 18 have been cancelled. The next series of classes will be held July 7 and 9.

For exact times and locations, visit [http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/sites/installation/eo\\_training.asp](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/sites/installation/eo_training.asp) or call 430-5256/civ.0711-680-5256.

## Career workshop set

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Employment Opportunity office will hold a women's career development workshop, titled "Communication and Assertiveness," on July 9 from 9-11 a.m. in the Army Community Service conference room, Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne. Registration is required.

For more information, call 430-5256/civ. 0711-680-5256.

## Health class offered

The Stuttgart Wellness Center hosts a Healthy Heart class June 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center classroom, Building 2337, on Patch Barracks. The class is designed to teach participants strategies to help reduce, control and manage high blood pressure.

For more information, call 430-4658/civ. 0711-680-4658.

## Orientation for teens

Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child, Youth and School Services



Larry Reilly

*Sack races are part of the fun activities scheduled for the upcoming USAG Stuttgart's July 4th celebration.*

## Celebrate Independence Day

**U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation celebrates Independence Day on July 4 from 4 p.m. to midnight on Patch Barrack's Husky Field. Activities for children include face painting, watermelon seed spitting, sack races, pie eating, volleyball and water balloon toss. Family activities include sumo wrestling, pottery painting and a rock band interactive contest and, of course, fireworks.**

will host orientation sessions for teens July 18-20, July 16-18 and Aug. 13-15. Participants will discover the Stuttgart city center, tour Stuttgart's military community, navigate German public transportation and learn German customs.

For more information, stop by The Hub, Building 2337, on Patch Barracks, or call 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

## Summer sports camps

Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child, Youth and School Services will host a series of summer sports camps, including soccer, tennis, golf and flag football.

For more information, call CYS Services Central Registration at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

## Learn to be a sponsor

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Program will provide sponsorship training the first and last Monday of each month from 2-3 p.m. in the ACS classroom, Building 2915, on Panzer Kaserne. Training is also available for units upon request.

For more information, call 431-3436/civ. 07031-15-3436.

## Curtains for "Curtains"

Tickets for the final weekend of Stuttgart Theatre Center's production of "Curtains" (June 12-14) are still available. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's show starts at 3 p.m.

For more information, call 421-2315/civ. 0711-729-2315.

## Theatre workshops

The Stuttgart Theatre Center will host summer theatre workshops for children and teens July 7-17 and Aug. 10-20. Sessions for children from 8-13 years of age will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Sessions for teens 14-18 years of age will be from 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$200 per child.

For more information, call 421-

3258/civ. 0711-729-3258.

## ACS hosts 'Hearts Apart'

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Army Community Service hosts Hearts Apart, a monthly support get-together for spouses of deployed personnel.

The group will discuss topics and issues surrounding deployment, and seeks to empower spouses with increased life skills and awareness of military community resources.

Hearts Apart is held the first Tuesday of every month from 1-3 p.m. in the ACS classroom in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3436/3362/civ. 07031-15-3436/3362.

## Tax Center remains open

The Stuttgart Tax Center will remain open through June 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clients can be seen on a walk-in or on an appointment basis. The tax center also offers assistance to clients who have been audited by the IRS.

For more information, call 421-4588/civ. 0711-729-4588.

## CYS Services fall sports

Register your child for Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child, Youth and School Services' fall soccer and flag football season at Central Enrollment Registration, Building 2347, on Patch Barracks.

The sports season will run from September through November. In order to register, sports physicals must be valid through Nov. 15.

Contact CYS Services at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

## Youth sports physicals

The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic will conduct school and youth sports physicals June 20, July 18 and 25, and Aug. 15.

Parents can make appointments for the physicals through Child, Youth and School Services or their child's school.

## Tax-free utilities

The Utility Tax Avoidance Program is now available to most people living in cities in the U.S. Army Garrison footprint. UTAP offers tax-free electricity to all customers, tax-free gas for most customers and tax-free water to those in certain areas. Service members and civilians can use UTAP for the utilities they pay themselves.

To register for the program, schedule an appointment with the UTAP office at [utapreservation@eur.army.mil](mailto:utapreservation@eur.army.mil).

## Short films wanted

Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Patch Multi-Craft Center is looking for short films of all types for their first Stuttgart Film Festival. Submissions will be accepted through July 31.

For information, call Patch Multi-Craft Center at 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

## Soccer officials clinic

IMCOM-Europe will host a soccer official's clinic June 16-20 in Schwetzingen. Participants will learn field mechanics, rules, points of emphasis and will review changes.

Register online at [www.mwraonline.com](http://www.mwraonline.com).

## Galaxy open Wed. to Sun.

The Galaxy Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne is now closed on Monday and Tuesday, with the exception of American holidays. The Irish Pub, located inside the Galaxy Entertainment Center, is closed Monday through Wednesday.

For more information, call 431-2719/civ. 07031-15-2719.

## Summer events for kids

Information on Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child, Youth and School Services summer programs is available at Central Enrollment Registration or any CYS Services facility.

For more information, call CER at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

## Learn to run a marathon

Learn to run a marathon or half-marathon with Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation's School of Marathon. The program includes a customized training schedule, classes on running technique, nutrition, and core and strength exercises. Tuition is \$262. The first class is June 17 at 5:30 p.m. or June 22 at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-7136/civ. 0700-680-7136.

## Volunteer for SEP

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Employment Opportunity Office's Special Emphasis Program is looking for people who can commit one or two hours per month as a SEP coordinators or committee member.

For more information, call 430-5256/civ. 0711-680-5256.



# Congratulations, class of 2009!

## PHS seniors graduate in June 5 ceremony

By Susan Huseman  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The class of 2009 is ready for the future. Despite an economic recession, tough job market and the rising cost of college tuition, Valedictorian Cameron Couch reminded parents, family and friends attending the Patch High School commencement ceremony June 5 in the Sindelfingen Stadthalle, that graduating seniors are ready to “leave the cocoon of high school and enter the real world.”

Attending high school in Europe, he said, has armed the students with the awareness of other cultures and broadened their perspectives. “Living here has given us the life experience. Our teachers have given us the knowledge, and all we need now is to apply ourselves,” said Couch. “We’re ready.”

They’re ready, according to Salutatorian Lauren Dunn, thanks to the inspiration and

guidance of Patch High School teachers and because of the support of their families. In Dunn’s case, she credits her mother. “I would not be here today without her poking and prodding to do my homework, run for office in clubs, or finish my college applications,” she said.

As the seniors prepare to enter adulthood and carve out new lives, Gen. “Kip” Ward, AFRICOM commander and the PHS commencement speaker, urged them to continue to make room for their families.

Ward asked the students to visualize their lives as jars to be filled with rocks, pebbles, sand and water.

He urged them to concentrate on the rocks — the things that really matter: values, family and health. “Fill that jar, your life, in the logical way. Put the rocks in first; there will always be room for the other things,” he said.

After the speeches were finished and the school choir had performed, the students got

down to the business at hand. Ninety-five seniors crossed the stage to accept their diplomas from Principal Susan Page, as short biographies of each were read.

Two students, Angelica Roman and Rachel Koenig, have fathers who are deployed. As they accepted their diplomas, Page read letters written by Col. Lance Koenig and Master Sgt. Jose Roman, addressed to their daughters.

Many of the graduates are headed off to colleges and universities in the U.S., such as Texas A & M University, Auburn and University of Hawaii. “About 65 to 70 percent have indicated they will be starting college,” said Bruce Engel, a PHS guidance counselor. He added two students will be attending the U.S. Military Academy and the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. Six have accepted Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarships.

For more graduation photos, visit [www.flickr.com/photos/38962812@N05](http://www.flickr.com/photos/38962812@N05).



The newly graduated Patch High School seniors, with diplomas in hand, listen for the cue to move the tassels to the left side of their graduation caps.



Susan Huseman  
Gen. William E. “Kip” Ward, commander of U.S. Africa Command, during his commencement address, urges the graduates to pay attention to the things that are critical in their lives: values, family and good health.




# Freudenstadt: secret capital of Württemberg

Story & photo by Birgit Thompson  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Visitors to Freudenstadt, located in the Black Forest about 60 kilometers from Böblingen, may not be aware that they are actually walking through

a town that was once slated to be the capital city of Württemberg. However, Herzog Friedrich's vision of residing in the exact middle of his kingdom never came to fruition.

Instead, where the residence was once planned, there is now the largest market square in Germany.

More than 400 years after being established as a township, the residents of Freudenstadt call their home the secret capital of Württemberg.

Today, the city doesn't sport the residence to lure tourists, but offers visitors a myriad of hiking trails (more than 350 kilometers of trails), more than 22,000 acres of forest and the state certification as a pure-air spa town.

Freudenstadt also marks the end of the Schwarzwald Hochstrasse (Black Forest Highway), and is the meeting point for many weekend travelers.

The historical center of town offers shoppers a variety of specialty stores, including boutiques, jewelers and sporting goods shops, all packaged up in historical buildings and small alleys.

Following B28 (Highway 28) west for about 11 kilometers will take visitors to the Kniebis. This area lies 950 meters above sea level and is famous for its wild heather plants and moors.

The Kniebis location is specifically known for its "Heidelbeeren," or blueberries. The berries ripen during the months of June and July, and hikers will find large amounts of the tasty treat along the trails.

In-line skaters and ski-rollers will also enjoy this area. A heated forest pool is also set within the area, offering visitors a way to cool off.

For more information on Freudenstadt and its neighboring communities, visit [www.freudenstadt.de](http://www.freudenstadt.de).



The Stadtkirche makes up one corner of Germany's largest market square.

## Oma's blueberry tart

Use your Freudenstadt blueberries for this delicious snack.

For the crust:  
250 grams butter  
100 grams sugar  
3 egg yolks  
1 pack vanilla sugar (Vanillezucker)  
salt  
1 whole egg  
250 grams all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder

For the berry mix:  
1,000 grams blueberries  
3 egg whites  
150 grams sugar

Mix dough ingredients and spread onto an oiled baking sheet. Bake the dough for 25 minutes at 175-200 degrees Celsius.

While the crust is baking, beat the egg whites until stiff, and slowly add sugar. Fold the blueberries carefully into the egg white mixture.

Spread the mixture onto the baked crust, and bake at 200-225 degrees Celsius for eight minutes.

Let cool completely before serving.



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The garden show is located at the Töbele and Hungerboll. For more information, visit [www.gartenschau-rechberghausen.de](http://www.gartenschau-rechberghausen.de).

## • June 6-14 — Villingen-Schwenningen — Southwest trade fair

This large fair is located at the Messegelaende Schwenningen. For more information, visit [www.suedwest-messe-vs.de](http://www.suedwest-messe-vs.de).

## • June 9-14 — Aalen — Culinary Mile

This event features international specialties at the Spritzenhausplatz.

## • June 10-14 — Blaustein — Sport and culture days

A soccer team of German VIPs meet during this festival that also includes hot air ballooning and a fireworks display at the Lixgelände on Ehrensteiner Strasse.

## • June 10-14 — Emerkingen — Musical days

This is a tent festival featuring live music and an arts and crafts market at the Wachinger Strasse.

## • June 10-14 — Wolfach — 13th Black Forest Biker Weekend

This is a motorcycle meet with live country and rock music located at the Rathaus.

## June 11-14 — Erbach — Weizen beer festival

Visitors can try a multitude of Weizen beers at this festival, located at the tent at the Schlosshütte in Dellmensingen.

## • June 11-14 — Ludwigsburg — Retro Classics meets Baroque

This event combines classic automobiles with the ambiance of the Ludwigsburg castle. For more information, visit [www.retro-classics-meets-barock.de](http://www.retro-classics-meets-barock.de)

## • June 12-14 — Enzklosterle — Historical forest days

This event features forest Olympics, chain saw events and more at the Rohnbachtal.

## • June 12 to July 5 — Heidelberg — African days

This festival takes place at the Karlstorbahnhof.

## • June 12-13 — Heilbronn — International fireworks festival

This festival opens at 7 p.m. on both evenings with fireworks starting at 11 p.m.

## • June 12 — Metzingen — Shopping XXL

More than 40 flagship stores in this outlet city will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## 12-13 — Schwäbisch-Gmünd — City festival

The festival takes place in the

downtown area.

## • June 13 — Altusheim — Bath-tub race

This bathtub race is located at the Blausee.

## • June 13-14 Blaubeuren Cloister garden days

More than 60 vendors offer plants, decorations and crafts for sale at the Klosterhof.

## • June 13-14 — Gemmingen — Castle festival

This is a medieval festival and market located at Burg Streichenberg.

## • June 13-14 — Korntal-Münchingen — City festival

The festival is located at Johannes-Dauer-Strasse.

## • June 13 — Leonberg — Flea market in the historical downtown area.

## June 13-14 — Lichtenstein — Farmers market

This market features regional products for sale, music and food at the Hohenauer Bahnhof.

## • June 13-14 — Magstadt — City festival located at the Marktplatz.

## • June 13-14 — Murrhardt — Arts and crafts market

This market is located at the Stadtgarten.

## • June 13-14 — Remshalden —

## Street festival

This festival also features a flea market in the city section of Geradstetten.

## • June 13 — Sankt Georgen — Radio and vinyls market

This market offers vintage radios, turntables, records and more at the Stadthalle.

## • June 13 — Schorndorf — Rose market

This market is located in the charming streets of the town, offering visitors flowers and more.

## • June 13-14 — Tübingen — Market of possibilities

This market features original ideas, innovative designs and more at the Jakobuskirche.

## • June 13-14 — Weil der Stadt — Arts and crafts market

This market features vendors from all over Germany, and is located at the Viehmarktplatz.

## • June 13-14 — Wolfach — Chain saw art days

More than 35 artists from Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands, England and Germany display their chainsaw carving abilities at the Dorotheenhütte. For more information, visit [www.schwarzwald-schnitzevent.de](http://www.schwarzwald-schnitzevent.de).

## • June 14 — Baiersbronn — Baden-Württemberg plays

This event offers more than 3,000 games for the whole family in tents, at market squares or in gyms in the downtown area. For more information, visit [www.bwspielt.de](http://www.bwspielt.de).

## • June 14 — Bondorf — Variety market

More than 100 vendors sell their wares at the Zehntscherhof, as well as in the downtown area.

## • June 14 — Mühlheim/Donau — Main market day

This variety market, in combination with a flea market, is located in the historical downtown area of Oberstadt.

## • June 15 — Burladingen — Veits market

This variety market is located at the Josengasse.

## • June 15-20 — Lahr — Rose week

This event takes place all week long, and revolves around the royal flowers in the Stadtpark.

## • June 15 — Westerheim — Variety market

The market is located at the Lange Gasse.

## • June 18 — Baiersbronn — Antic market

This market is located at the Rosenplatz.

## • June 19 — Adelberg — Summer Solstice

This large event, with live music and a solstice fire, is located at the Festplatz at the cloister.

## • June 19-21 — Bad Buhau am Federnsee — Medieval festival

This large festival is located at the Marktplatz and the Festplatz Bittelwiesen. For more information, visit [www.mittelaltertage-badbuhau.de](http://www.mittelaltertage-badbuhau.de).

## • June 19 — Baltmannsweiler — Summer Solstice

This event features a large bonfire and food in the fields between Baltmannsweiler and Hohengehren.

## • June 19-21 — Bietigheim-Bissingen — Town hall festival

The festival is located at the town hall and the Marktplatz.

## • June 19-21 — Giengen an der Brenz — Culinary market

Giengen restaurants offer culinary delights to visitors at the Kirchplatz.

## • June 19-21 — Hardheim — Summer festival

This street festival is located in the downtown area.

## • June 19-21 — Horb am Neckar — Maximilian knights festival

This medieval festival takes place all over the town. For more information, visit [www.ritterspiele.com](http://www.ritterspiele.com).



Birgit Thompson

Visitors can find fresh and regional products at Germany's open-air markets.





courtesy photo

Bennie Pokemire, John Simmons, Walter Voltz, and John Heath win the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander's Cup golf tournament held May 22 at the Stuttgart Golf Course.

## Special Ops team nabs Commander's Cup

By Larry Reilly  
USAG Stuttgart Public  
Affairs Office

After just taking it out of the box, the Stuttgart Garrison Commander, Col. Richard M. Pastore, handed his Commander's Cup Golf Tournament trophy over to four members of the Special Operations Command, Europe, who won the

first annual Commander's Cup Tournament May 22 at the Stuttgart Golf Course.

The team, one of 27 teams representing nearly all the Stuttgart tenant units, will hold the distinguished honor of being the first team to capture the Commander's Cup, and hopefully will be here next year to defend their title.

Marine Corps Forces Europe came in second, followed

by a team representing the 52nd Signal Message Center.

Dave Walsh, Mike Flynn, Walter Voltz and Jim Long won closest-to-the-pin contests. Katalina Liliu and John Simmons won the longest drive contests.

Additionally, to foster German-American relations, three teams from the Neckartal Golf Club E. V. participated in the tournament.

## 2009 Cobblestone Classic results

### Overall Female Open Winners

- 1 — Jennifer Caywood, 34:14.1
- 2 — Claudia Denton, 34:58.0
- 3 — Michelle Katz, 35:10.7

### Overall Male Open Winners

- 1 — Joseph Anderson, 28:23.1
- 2 — Chris Bennett, 29:02.3
- 3 — Doug Hutcheson, 29:35.4

### Team Winners

- 1 — ECJ4, 35:39.2
- 2 — 1/10th Special Forces, 35:54.6
- 3 — NCEUR, 39:58.6

For more Cobblestone Classic photos, visit [www.flickr.com/photos/38962812@N05](http://www.flickr.com/photos/38962812@N05).

Complete race results can be found at <http://mwrfirstchoice.com>.



Larry Reilly

More than 290 runners turned out for the USAG Stuttgart FMWR-sponsored Cobblestone Classic held May 30. The 5-mile race followed the tank trail between Patch Barracks and Panzer Kaserne.

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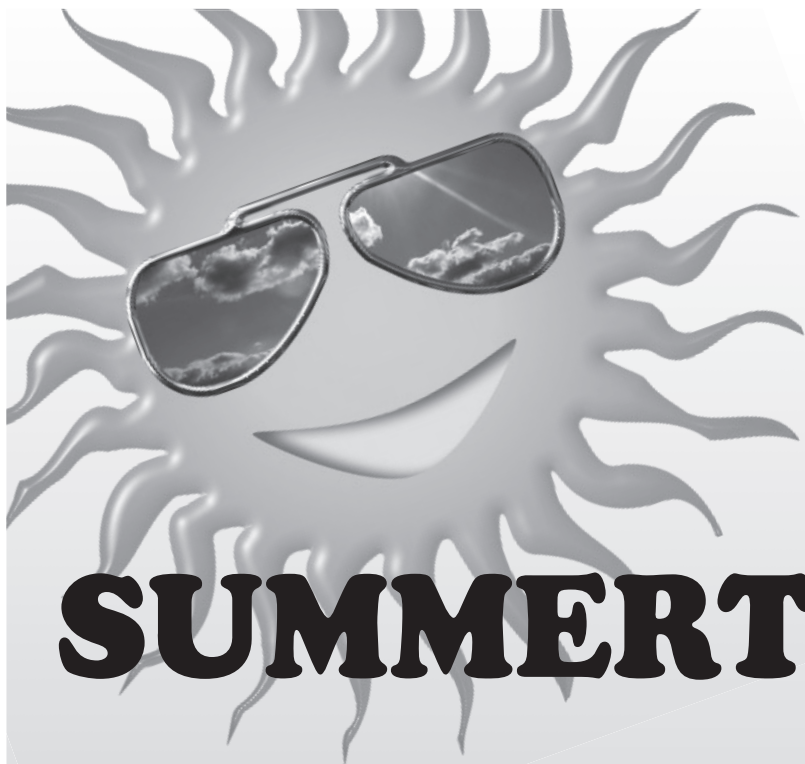
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